

# OXFORD,

A Town of Historic Culture and Refinement.

The Home of Men Who Have Influenced the Destinies of the State and Nation.

Its Great Tobacco Industry.

Leader of the World in Bright Tobacco.

What the People are Doing.

An Invitation to the World and What it Means--The Great Physical and Business Advantages Offered--The Brilliant Prospects of a Prosperous and Busy People--Some of the Men Who are Moving the Wheels of Progress.

Granville county is one of the truly historical counties of the State. Oxford is a county seat is one of the historic places of the country. From it have come men whose advice and counsels have influenced the destinies of the State and nation.

The name "Oxford" was given to the town by Samuel Benton, an historic personage, who, in 1761 bought the land on which it now stands. The locality was Mr. Benton's country seat. In 1811, by act of the General Assembly, a tract of fifty acres was purchased to be laid off into a town which should be the county seat of Granville county. The town was incorporated in 1816. It was of small dimensions with a small but cultured and well-to-do population.

The families which resided here were powerful in social and political influences of the day, and these families were prominent in and connected with the history of the State. Among these were: The Ridleys, the Littlejohns, the Taylors, the Gilliams, the Booths, the Bryans, the Herndons, the Hilliards, the McClanahans, the Kyles and the Kingsburys.

Oxford has ever been a prosperous community, but its commercial development was not rapid from the beginning. Most of the inhabitants were large planters and the soil was so fertile and fruitful, as it still is, that it was exceedingly easy to reap great and rich harvests. This was the source of the great wealth of the community, and came so easily and freely that the matter of providing for temporal wants was a secondary consideration. The people had ample time to devote to literary and polite pursuits, and hence came that refinement and culture for which the people of Oxford have been noted for generations past.

This refinement and culture has descended from sire to son, has been infused into the new element coming from elsewhere and these are features of as much favorable prominence and comment to-day as they have ever been.

Oxford has always held a prominent place among North Carolina towns, but until the last decade that position has not been because of enterprise or business get-up-and-go. It has held it because it has been a centre of educational influences and has boasted a population of cultivated and strong scholars. To-day it stands in the front rank because to Culture it has added Business Progress and to Business Progress, Wealth. It is but on the threshold of its real career. The future will witness large growth in all directions. This growth will not be on the mushroom order. It will be steady and permanent. It is bound to be a bigger town and to become a more important commercial centre both because it has the best possible back country and because it has wise and progressive business men. But these are not the only reasons. Another is that the regular streams of immigration from the country and other towns which has done much to make it what it is to-day will help to make it bigger every year. This new population--this new blood injected into the business of Oxford--has not come from a far off country. The people of Oxford say that they want within the next year, 1,000 enterprising men to locate in their town--men who will engage in manufacturing are preferred. Such men will find a cordial welcome and all the encouragement any industrious man needs or wants. They will not only find encouragement, but inducements. There has just been organized a company whose purpose is to disseminate information concerning the advantages of the place and to offer whatever inducements may be necessary.

## HEALTH--THE ADVANTAGES OF OXFORD IN BESTOWING THE GREATEST AND MOST COWEDED BLESSING ON HUMANITY.

Paramount to all other interests the home-seeker, whether he be a capitalist or a journeyman, looks first to the health of a place. However able he may be to surround his family with all the adornments of cultivated taste and pure morals however blest he may be by a legacy sufficient to give him comfort in a close and stinky world, if the chosen spot in which he is to spend his days be an unhealthy one, life soon becomes a burden and the grave a sweet relief.

In this elegantly situated county-town the humblest laborer enjoys a healthy life of which the capitalist with all his wealth may well be envious. In Oxford the climate is so genial both Summer and Winter that one cannot call it extreme in either way. This advantage, combined with the valuable mineral springs which surround Oxford and the life of society in the place, make it a fine resort for the invalid and pleasure-seeker.

## ROCK-BROOK MINERAL WATER.

About one year ago a farmer's wife, Mrs. Longmire and her daughter, discovered a peculiar taste of the water in a certain spring and a strange effect it had upon the surrounding vegetation. They brought a bottle of it to Dr. E. T. White, of this place, who, seeing it possessed a mineral ingredient, sent it to the State Chemist, who reported that it contained carbonate of lime, carbonate of magnesia, chloride of potash, silica, chloride of soda and sulphate of lime, remarking that the mineral matter was present in larger quantities than the average, being 33.90 grains per imperial gallon. This caused the doctor to be interested in its value and he visited the spring, finding it situated at the foot of the brow of a very steep hill in a large, solid rock. The water issues forth into a kind of bowl, the rock forming it having an appearance of some precious ore. How beautiful it is situated. The very "water of prolonging life," the Great Creator surrounded with all the beauty nature could give it in a country like ours. It is a reliever from the common complaint of indigestion, particularly that form known as acid-dyspepsia. There are persons residing in Oxford and vicinity who have found prompt relief from Rock-brook and are unstinting in their praise of it. It is a beautiful and pleasant ride from the town to the spring and it is quite the "fad" for the people, both young and old, to repair to the spring, taking with them many visitors for the purpose of availing themselves of the healing qualities of the newly discovered water.

## PANACEA WATER.

The famous Panacea Springs are within easy reach of Oxford. The celebrated mineral water has an enviable reputation wherever it has been introduced. It has a remarkable efficacy in curing those diseases to which it is specially adapted. Its record of cures is absolutely without a parallel. The fact of its possessing such excellent keeping qualities is a desideratum of highest importance, as it retains its remedial value for years, rendering its virtues acceptable alike to the people of Massachusetts and California as well as to those who can visit the springs. The victories it has scored in restoring the afflicted who have never visited the springs astonish both the patient and their physicians. It is recognized as a specific in dyspepsia, chronic diarrhoea and scrofula even of the severest types and of many years standing. Incredible as this may seem, it is well attested by a cloud of witnesses who are satisfied that they were restored from helpless infirmity to a vigorous health by "Panacea" is an efficient and reliable remedy in liver and kidney troubles. In cholera-infantum its value is priceless, being almost perfection. For teething children and nursing mothers it is also a priceless boon.

Nowhere can there be found better company than in this splendid town. There are the true typical Southerners, of Southern manners, Southern pride and Southern broad, open hospitality. For the latter the old town of Oxford is particularly noted.

The young people generally make up the society of a place. If they are dull, careless of enjoyment and lacking youthful vigor and animation you may as well expect to pull in your awning and bid farewell to pleasant society at that place! But this is, we are glad to say, untrue of this place. Vivacity characterizes every young inhabitant of Oxford. But what is the life of society? Let the boys answer--they say with one accord--the ladies! For the pleasure of having the most beautiful young ladies in the State, Salisbury, Asheville, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Henderson, Goldsboro, Wilson and every other town and village have laid their claims. The only way for it to be decided is for an impartial eye to survey each town. The writer has had this most pleasant opportunity and with the greatest emphasis says that OXFORD HAS MORE PRETTY YOUNG LADIES IN IT THAN ANY TOWN OF ITS SIZE IN THE SOUTH AND DEFINES SUCCESSFUL CONTRADICTION. The proof of this emphatic statement can easily be had by visiting the place some beautiful spring evening when all are out for a delightful evening stroll.

## SITUATION.

Oxford is by no means in a valley. She is built in a hilly country which adds much to the beauty of the place. It is nicely laid out, having wide and beautiful streets which afford elegant drives in the summer season. The visitor can easily view the institutions that have been before pictured, but he must not by any means suppose that they are all of Oxford's nice buildings. The most important in the place is a high double-tower town hall in which are located the market and the opera house. This is an imposing structure. It is of solid brick and about the finest of its kind in the Golden Belt of North Carolina. The court house, though bowed down with years, is a very substantial building and adds much to the good looks of that portion. Besides these there are a hundred of beautiful residences and many fine blocks of stores, showing that Oxford is not negligent of her appearance.

## RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENTS.

In Oxford there are four well organized religious denominations, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal. The Methodist church, situated on Main street, is a comfortable building, and though at present not up with the churches of that denomination in other places of its size in architecture and

value, its lady members, it is reported, are busily engaged raising funds for a new edifice and may look forward to what is to be and not what really is, though for comfort and looks it equals any of that town.

One of the strongest denominations in the place is that of the Missionary Baptists. They are in this as in all towns united for their interests, and live for the advancement of their faith in the town and the upbuilding of their institutions. Rev. J. S. Hardaway is a very efficient pastor and pleases his congregation.

The Presbyterians are an aggressive people in all that pertains to the moral development of the community, and constitute a large portion of the social culture and refinement of the town.

The Episcopal church is located in a beautiful part of the city, and offers double advantages. The spiritual welfare and development of its members is looked after by the efficient rector, Rev. W. W. Walker, and it is asserted that the well in the rectory lawn contains water that is a powerful specific for dyspepsia.

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND ADVANTAGES.

Oxford is well up in the van in educational advantages and facilities. The Oxford Female Seminary, one of the very prominent institutions in the country, is located here on a beautiful site.

The course of study is comprehensive, and the school has the well earned reputation of doing the most thorough teaching, so that the graduates find no difficulty in securing responsible positions as teachers. Indeed, President Hobgood finds himself unable to supply the demand for his graduates. It already has a large patronage and it is steadily increasing.

The Horner Military School is known all over the country. The school has been under its present management for more than thirty years and in this sense it is, we believe, the oldest school in the South. Long experience and watchful observation have enabled them to make many improvements in their methods of instruction and discipline, and the fact that a large proportion of Horner boys have been able to compete successfully for the highest honors in the various colleges and universities of the country furnishes satisfactory evidences of the excellence of their system.

Horner School is beautifully situated on high rolling ground.

New and commodious buildings have been erected and it is the great aim of its great head to make Horner School, in its equipments, in the completeness of its course of study, and in the efficiency of its methods of instruction and government, a model preparatory and finishing academy.

## GRANVILLE INSTITUTE.

This excellent school for the education of young ladies was established here in the year of '85. Miss Belle Clarke, who is known throughout the State by the teachers as one of the most efficient instructors in the land, is the principal. She has been teaching now for 17 years and still holds to the worthy calling. For some time a teacher in Greensboro, Ala., she gave general satisfaction and was chosen teacher of Music and French in the Female College of Aiken, S. C. From thence she went to Searcy, Ark., and taught in one of the largest female schools in the South.

Her school in Oxford is prosperous. OXFORD'S GREAT BUSINESS--THE GREAT CENTRE OF THE TOBACCO WORLD--ITS TREMENDOUS DEVELOPMENT.

Tobacco is the great backing of Oxford's modern commercial interests. In the past few years it has fairly leaped to the front and is building up its wealth chiefly from handling the bright yellow tobacco, the original home of which is in Granville county. The farmers of Granville have made more money raising tobacco than those of any county in the State, and it is probable that there are more Granville farmers with bank accounts than in most any other county.

The bright tobacco of Granville carried off the prize over all the competitors of the world at the great Paris exposition of 1873, and it has ever since held its own for superiority.

It is a fact that no inland town or city has ever done much towards building itself up which did not have behind it a product of, or mineral in the soil which surrounds it. There are many towns of our own North Carolina that are steadily growing and may some day become a city of some note, but there is none to which we can point with expectation of being a large market in this commercial world which has not behind it a backing of agricultural or mineral products. But here in this county town, have arisen a thrifty young people, and since the locomotive's whistle was heard in the woods of old Granville, she has gone forward with a progress, unequalled by any town of like advantages.

Here is energy and a good backing together. Here is the wheel and ready shoulders to put it to. Leaf tobacco, and especially bright yellow leaf, is a product which has proved to the people to be a backing at once substantial and productive. The raising of this product has long been one of the farmer's chief occupations, but it was never developed until of late because of having no banking facilities, no warehouses or railroads. The consequence of this was that Granville tobacco found a market in some other town until several years ago when the people gained a branch railroad to Henderson, a bank of unlimited means was established, a prize house was erected, warehouse built and she sprang forth from her reverie to find herself on the march to a commercial city. At present she can boast of a "tobacco stemmy" two factories for the manufacture of plug and smoking tobacco, a cigar factory five tremendous warehouses, numerous prize-houses and great swarms of tobacco buyers.

## OXFORD HAS BEEN GROWING AND WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.

It is not contemplated here to particularize the business of Oxford. Its business element is of the highest ability. Its people have accomplished great things by themselves, but they have the perception to see that the immigration of a good class of citizens will greatly help the business interest. The people are not selfish. They want co-workers to develop their great resources and are willing to share the profits which must come from development.

There are now inviting immigration, and that this may be done in a thorough business-like manner, the business men have organized a Land Improvement and Manufacturing Company, with a capital stock of \$150,000. The purposes of the company are set forth below.

## OXFORD LAND IMPROVEMENT

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## MANUFACTURING COMPANY,

OXFORD, N. C.

Capital Stock, - - - \$150,000.

The following is the directory of this Company:

President--Wm. E. Owen.  
Vice-Presidents--C. M. Hawkins, H. C. Herndon, A. H. A. Williams.  
Secretary--W. C. Reed.  
Treasurer--W. H. Hunt.

Directors--Robert T. Gray, C. M. Hawkins, W. H. Hunt, R. R. Roberts, H. C. Herndon, J. B. Booth, W. E. Owen, A. H. A. Williams, N. A. Gregory, W. C. Reed.

Executive Committee--W. A. Davis, H. C. Herndon, W. C. Reed.

Purposes of the Company.  
This company has been duly incorporated by and under the laws of North Carolina.

The charter is liberal in its provisions, and is of itself a franchise of very great value. It authorizes the company:

1. To own real and personal estate to any amount.
2. To build towns.
3. To buy and sell lands, mines, mineral options, etc.
4. To construct and build water-works, gas-works, street railways, tramways, telephone and telegraph systems, factories, warehouses, hotels, etc.
5. Stockholders are not individually liable.

Since the organization of the company it has acquired by purchase 591 acres of land in and adjoining Oxford. These lands embrace the Osborn and Grandy places.

## A Rare Yet Substantial Opportunity.

The 591 acres all in one body, in and adjoining Oxford, cost the company \$75,000. It lies beautifully exposed to the South and is singularly well adapted to building purposes. It slopes so as to give good drainage, and there are not a half dozen waste acres in the boundary. This splendid plateau will be laid off into building lots, factory sites, etc., and no lot will be less than 50x150 feet. Broad streets will intersect them, leading into the main avenues of Oxford, and will be made roads from the beginning. Within less than a year a new railway will enter Oxford, running the whole length of the company's lands. Correspondence is already afloat with manufacturers for locating plants that will give employment to many hands, and that will further vary the industries of this active, growing young city, and the company will enter them to the fullest extent. It must be borne in mind that this tract of land is not at a distance, but hugs the city line for a mile.

The company will issue \$150,000 of stock in shares of par value of \$50 each; payment, \$10 cash, balance when called for by the company, in \$5 payments, not to be oftener than once a month. With every two shares a lot 50x150 will be given. All stock to be fully paid and non-assessable. When the stock is placed the lots will be drawn for by lot. All the lots will be 50x150 with one exception, the Grandy Mansion lot, containing three acres, including a beautiful lawn, the elegant old Grandy Mansion and all out buildings. It is well worth \$7,500 cash. Every holder of two shares of stock stands an equal opportunity of owning this lovely home, in the allotment of lots.

This family mansion of the Grandys is in excellent repair. It has eight large rooms, and a well-arranged basement with a complement of out-buildings. It is located in a fashionable portion of the city and is within a few minutes of the City Hall and Court-house. There are also on the property and to go with stock one four-room dwelling with an acre of ground attached and necessary out-buildings; and several smaller tenement houses ranging in value from \$200 to \$500. The money arising from sale of the stock will be used to develop and improve the property. When the stock is all placed there will remain one-half of the unimproved lots to be sold for the benefit of stockholders. In addition to getting the full worth of your money in a lot you may get one of these lots, or the mansion worth \$7,500. The money used in developing and improving the remaining lots should make the property yield the stockholders a dividend largely in excess of their subscription. This is the safest, soundest and best investment yet put before the public.

So much for the plan of the company, and now something about the inducements offered.

The eyes of the world are now turned to the splendid fields of the South. Granville and Person counties abound in the finest minerals and metals to be found. Dr. Elisha Mitchell before the war examined Gillis Copper Mine and pronounced it unsurpassed. But last year a French syndicate purchased the Yancey Mine at \$50,000. So extensive and valuable are the lands which lie about ten miles from Oxford that a railroad is being projected to them now. At Blue Wing a party of shrewd Pennsylvanians are now coining money operating said mines.

It needs but a visit to convince the most skeptical that wealth lies at our very feet, and is to be had for the digging. It is the purpose of this company to develop these latent powers and thus to do themselves as well as the State some service. Coming to the town of Oxford we find a city of five thousand people in a radius of one mile. Since 1879 she has doubled her population three times, and she now stands out conspicuous among the young cities of the South.

She has now five commodious warehouses for the sale of leaf tobacco. Two new elegant brick warehouses that cost some \$30,000 are in course of construction, and will be opened for the fall trade. She sells now TEN MILLION pounds of the weed annually.

The tobacco board of trade numbers some sixty members. Sixty leaf factories for handling and re-handling tobacco are needed to accommodate the increasing volume of trade; of this number fully half have been built in the past three years. Three plug factories running at full speed. Two smoking factories, and two others are projected. Here is located the mammoth stemmy of the Kimballs, of Rochester, New York. This is the largest building of its kind in the world, and works some four hundred operatives. Here the Duke, the Kimballs, the Kennys, Al-

len & Ginter, send to get their choicest stock of cigarette manufacturing, now so celebrated the world over, and which has made millionaires of all who touched it.

## Manufacturing.

The spirit of manufacturing which has spread like a prairie fire over the country is alive in Oxford. The excellence of "Granville Brights" tobacco is recognized and appreciated the world over. Professor Voelcker, the English chemist, after a careful analysis, says, "that is the perfection of tobacco and is almost entirely free from nicotine." It thus makes cigarettes that are comparatively harmless and very delicious. A company is organized to make here cigarettes. A gentleman of prominence in Baltimore has just incorporated a factory for the manufacture of smoking tobacco.

By a resolution of this company any substantial manufacturing industry that will locate on the company's property will be given ample land and every assistance to commence operations. In connection with the Orphan Asylum are now:

- 1 broom factory; 1 shoe factory; 1 cotton factory contracted for. Besides we have 2 planing mills; 2 flouring mills; 1 sash, door and blind factory with 50 operatives; 3 wagon factories; 1 buggy factory; 2 tanneries; 2 saw-mills; 1 foundry; 1 marble yard; 1 bottling establishment; 1 cigar factory; 1 candy manufactory; 1 harness factory.

## She Rose from the Ashes.

In 1887 Oxford was almost destroyed by fire, but this proved a blessing in disguise, for she at once rose from her ashes, and now we have forty-four merchandise and clothing establishments; 4 hardware stores; 2 jewelry houses; 80 other places of business, not counting lawyers and doctors' offices, restaurants, etc.; 3 small but well kept, home-like hotels.

## Other Establishments--Business and Social.

Here is located the great State Orphan Asylum, spreading its charitable wings over a brood of three hundred fatherless children. Here is the largest Odd Fellow's lodge in North Carolina, numbering 100 members. The lodge has just bought sixty feet on Main street and will erect handsome buildings this summer.

The Masons have a commodious building here, and Knights of Honor and other charities exist.

The Presbyterians have just contracted for a \$10,000 church, which amount they raised in cash in ten days. The Episcopalians will this fall erect a structure of brick to cost \$3,000. The recent Easter offering for this purpose was \$3,000.

Oxford has two weekly newspapers and an excellent daily. She has a military company; also the Horner School is unsurpassed as a training school for boys in the whole country, and here have been educated distinguished men and the sons of distinguished men for many decades.

Two excellent female colleges are here. Oxford has two banks with ample capital for the transaction of business.

Her Chamber of Commerce comprises the whole of her population and its meetings are models of harmony and enthusiastic concert of well directed energy.

A new market and opera house that cost \$25,000.

Two systems of telegraph--the Western Union and the Postal Cable companies--are in operation here. The city is lighted by the Thomson-Houston electric light system.

There is a brick-yard which turns out 30,000 brick per day. The orders for brick are so numerous that the proprietor has been compelled to turn down orders from abroad. The coming summer and fall will see brick put into buildings by the hundreds of thousands.

## Climate.

The climate of Oxford is generous and salubrious. In ten years there has been no deaths here from consumption. Pulmonary diseases are very rare, and epidemics never occur.

Mineral springs abound near the town. The celebrated Rock Brook Springs are in a few minutes' ride, and near here are the famous Buffalo Lithia Springs and the head agency for the Panacea spring.

## Surrounding Tributary Country.

Oxford draws from many counties in Virginia and South Carolina as well as North Carolina, and is a market for Granville, Person, parts of Durham, Orange, Vance, Franklin, Nash, Wilson and Pitt counties in North Carolina, and for Halifax, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg and other counties in Virginia.

As an illustration of the strength of Granville's soil, if any one will write to Fielding Knott, Oxford, N. C., or to J. B. Parham, Oxford, or to B. D. Howard, Tally Ho, he will hear something that will surprise him in the matter of farming. Fielding Knott cultivated 11 acres in tobacco, worked six hands, sold the entire crop at \$47 around; realizing over \$6,000 for the entire crop, making more than \$600 to the acre. During a farming experience of ten years he has never made less than \$300 to the acre in tobacco. We might multiply examples, but we want the public to come and see for themselves.

## Railroads.

Until 1880 Oxford was twelve miles from the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad. That year saw the Oxford & Henderson Road built. In 1888 her trade was so large the Oxford & Clarksville Road came to her. The next year she built the extension of this road to Durham. In 1880 Granville county had twenty miles of road in her borders--in 1890 she has four roads covering nearly 100 miles of track and is spider-webbed with telegraph lines. A spur is in process of running now to the Durham & Northern Railway that will run through and perhaps bisect the lands of this company. This year after year has added to the material and substantial wealth of Oxford. Oxford is two hours from Raleigh, five hours from Richmond and Norfolk and only eight hours to Washington City.

## The Management of the Company.

The character of the men composing this organization will inspire confidence in it and guarantee a faithful discharge of the work they have undertaken.

## Mr. W. E. Owen.

Mr. Owen belongs to the prominent family of that name in Halifax county, Virginia. He is a young man who has added largely to an ample fortune inherited by him, by his public spirit and judicious management. He was one of the first movers in bringing the town of South Boston, Va., from a mere railway station--an appendage of Halifax court house--

to being a tobacco market of importance and fame, and of making it one of the most enterprising towns in southern Virginia. He has been in the industrial movement in southwest Virginia from the beginning, and has a complete technical knowledge of organizing improvement companies. He is a gentleman of high culture.

## Dr. H. C. Herndon.

Dr. H. C. Herndon is president of the Bank of Oxford, the capital stock of which is \$60,000. His management of the affairs of the bank is a subject of very favorable comment in the business world, and he is regarded as one of the "main men" of the progressive town in which he resides. He is eminently safe in all business transactions, and his counsel is much sought and acted upon by those who contemplate the inauguration of business enterprises. Under his management the bank is considered as safe as UNCLE SAM'S TREASURY.

President Herndon is a native of Orange county, born on the old county road from Hillsboro to Raleigh, five miles from the present town of Durham, at an old county seat called Herndonville. In 1835 he came to Oxford and ever since that time he has been closely identified with her business interests.

## Maj. N. A. Gregory.

Maj. N. A. Gregory is one of those veterans who came out of the war bearing the mark of a wounded hero. After it was all over he was, for some time, Town Commissioner, but the best efforts of this man were made while following the farming vocation. He is one of the leading tobacco men of Oxford, and the confidence of the people in him is evinced by the fact that he is the President of Oxford's Commonwealth club.

## Mr. W. C. Reed.

Mr. W. C. Reed is a native of Virginia. He is one of the eminently successful young tobacco men of the South. He came to North Carolina a few years ago to deal with the magnificently bright tobacco produced in this State. He has the confidence of the tobacco trade of the whole country and is a prominent factor in that branch of business. He is one of those safe, progressive men who has business operations on solid facts, and not on chimerical and hollow schemes.

## Mr. W. A. Davis.

Mr. W. A. Davis is a native of Caswell county. He came to Oxford some fifteen years ago, and became the editor of the Torchlight, but becoming interested in other ways, soon was compelled to sell his paper so as to give proper attention to other business. He is one of the best business men in Granville, and behind his business talent has push, energy and pluck to help him upward. He enjoys the confidence of the business and social element of Oxford. He is one of the proprietors of the New Johnson tobacco warehouse of Oxford.

## Mr. R. T. Gray.

Mr. R. T. Gray, a prominent member of the Raleigh bar, has an enviable reputation both as a lawyer and as a man of commercial business. He is one of the leading spirits in Greensboro's recent great enterprises, is a director of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, and is connected with other large business enterprises all of which show the result of his safe, conservative and yet progressive spirit.

## Mr. C. M. Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins, a resident of Raleigh, is identified with several large industries, among which are the N. C. Phosphate Mills--the only establishment using the great cyclone crusher in the State; the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh; the Raleigh Lighting, Heating and Power Company and other large enterprises. He is full of vim and business, believes in progress and development, and is only at ease when enterprises, with which he is connected, are showing substantial improvement and progress. He is in reality one of the best executive business men of North Carolina.

## A. H. A. Williams.

Everybody in North Carolina knows Mr. Williams and recognizes his wisdom and public spirit. He has held a place in the public eye, and his business capacity and sagacity are well known. He built the first railroad to Oxford from Henderson and managed it until there were extensions and new lines. He has twice represented his county in the Legislature, once in each house, and a leading member when in the House and in the Senate. As evidencing his personal popularity, the CHRONICLE may state that he was elected in Granville by a large majority on a Democratic ticket, though the county is usually Republican by a majority of 500. He is a prominent candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, and is equally as prominent in all matters looking to the material prosperity of his town and State.

## Mr. J. B. Booth.

Mr. J. B. Booth is a member of a large and influential family in Granville county. He is one of the most expert men in the golden tobacco belt, making tobacco the object of his special attention and business. He enjoys the confidence of the trade and is regarded as one of the safest business men in the State.

## Mr. R. R. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts is the genial and happy man of the directory. He is of middle age, of splendid presence, has hearty manners and is well known and greatly appreciated in the commercial circles of Richmond and Boston. He is a substantial man, a wise counsellor and bases his operations on possible facts rather than probable theories.

The stock of this company is a good investment. It will be worth its face. With every two shares goes a lot that will be worth itself the price of stock. It is payable in easy installments. All can buy. The lots lie in the suburbs of the town, not out in the country! The company also controls a large number of lots adjoining the town not embraced in its original boundary.

Josephus Daniels, Esq., editor of the Raleigh STATE CHRONICLE, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address at the commencement of the Wesleyan Female College in this place on June 12th. The readers of his excellent paper in this section will be glad to see him and hear him. -Murfreesboro Index.

Gravelly Westall, the eighteen year old son of Major T. C. Westall, who so mysteriously disappeared on April 24, has been heard from. He is at Boston enjoying good health and says that he is happy. -Asheville Citizen.

A Reidsville doctor is writing a book entitled, "The History of the Grip in North Carolina."